

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on January 24, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Scott Staffanson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 286, HB 256 1/20/2017

HEARING ON HB 286

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:28 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 286, Allow livestock loss reimbursement for mountain lion predation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:25 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
00:04:51 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:04:55 Rep. Harris joins the meeting
00:06:03 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:07:05 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
00:09:56 Johanna Clark, Rocky Mountain Stock Growers Association

[EXHIBIT](#)(agh17b01)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:29 Amy Seaman, Audubon

Informational Testimony:

00:13:25 George Edwards, Montana Livestock Loss Board

[EXHIBIT](#)(agh17b02)

00:14:09 Ken McDonald, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:50 Rep. Curdy
00:15:13 Rep. Shaw
00:15:34 Rep. Curdy
00:15:45 Ken McDonald, FWP
00:16:17 Rep. Webb
00:16:49 Rep. Shaw
00:17:20 Rep. Fleming
00:17:46 Rep. Shaw
00:18:01 Jason Mohr, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:19 Rep. Shaw

HEARING ON HB 256

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:34 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 256, Revise legal fence laws.

[EXHIBIT](#)(agh17b03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:09 Larry Feight, High Country Agriculture

[EXHIBIT](#)(agh17b04)

00:34:48 Wayne Slaght, Mountain Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:36:00 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)
00:37:16 Chelcie Cargil, Montana Farm Bureau Association (MFBA)
00:40:16 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
00:41:10 Amy Seaman, Audubon
00:42:19 Johanna Clark, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association, (RMSGGA)
00:43:04 Bryce Bennett joined the meeting
00:43:32 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:17 Rep. Curdy
00:44:52 Rep. Knudsen
00:45:20 Rep. Sales
00:45:32 Rep. Knudsen
00:46:04 Rep. Hamilton
00:46:43 Nick Gevock, MWF
00:48:03 Chair Redfield
00:48:20 Larry Feight

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:48 Rep. Knudsen

00:51:07 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:51:42

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh17bad.pdf](#))